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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.104(e)

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The following comments are submitted in response to the October 20, 2003 Notice of Allowance issued in the above-referenced patent application.

In the Reasons for Allowance accompanying the Notice of Allowance, the Examiner indicates that the prior art fails to disclose or suggest the combination of features set forth in the allowed claims, and recites a number of elements in support of this conclusion. The Applicants respectfully submit that the Reasons for Allowance set forth only some of the features and elements claimed in claims 1-22 of the present application, and that the reasons presented represent only some of the reasons why some of the claims are allowable.

In this regard, other reasons exist for the allowability of each claim, and provide additional and different bases for allowance of the claims.

Claims 1 and 12 are allowable based upon the combinations of features and elements claimed in claims 1 and 12, and not upon some key feature, element, or some subset of features and elements claimed.

Claims 2-11 and 13-22 include still other elements and combinations of elements that patentably distinguish the claims from the prior art. The Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-22 are patentable based upon the features and elements (and relationships thereof) claimed in claims 1-22 rather than upon any one feature, element, or sub-combination of features and/or elements as indicated in the Reasons for Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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